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“America’s National Parks” Bookstore Opens in Georgetown

Fort Washington, PA – Rock Creek Park and Eastern National announced today that an “America’s National Parks” bookstore will be opened for the holiday season at the Old Stone House in Georgetown (Washington, D.C.).

The Old Stone House is one of the last pre-revolutionary homes remaining in the Washington D.C. area. It interprets middle class life in colonial America, through the stories of the people who built and lived in the house. The home is part of Rock Creek Park, a unit of the National Park Service.

The “America’s National Parks” bookstore will be open daily from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm from November 13 through December 31, 2004. The bookstore will be an extension of the current Eastern National bookstore at the site and will feature a broader assortment of 17th and 18th century goods representative of Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas during that period. Featured products include hand-blown glass, stoneware, pottery, colonial toys and games and other period products, perfect as gifts for family, friends and colleagues.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with Eastern National while raising public awareness and appreciation of the Old Stone House," said Adrienne Applewhaite-Coleman, Superintendent at Rock Creek Park. " We're very excited."

The Old Stone House is located at 3051 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C., in Georgetown. Admission is free. For those traveling by Metro, take the Orange or Blue line to Foggy Bottom, walk *north* on 23rd street to Washington Circle, *northwest* on Pennsylvania Avenue to M Street, then *west* on M Street for 3 blocks. For those traveling by car, the house is accessible on M Street between 30th and 31st streets. Commercial parking is available from a third party next door for a fee.

The bookstore is located on the main floor in the front of the building and will be open to the general public seven days a week from November 13 through December 31, 2004. Other rooms of the house are only open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays all year long. In order to preserve the house and its contents, tours of the house (outside of the bookstore) are limited to 25 per group and reservations are *mandatory*. For more information, please contact the park at (202) 895-6070 or visit www.nps.gov/olst.

The house, including the bookstore will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For more information on Rock Creek Park and the Old Stone House, please visit www.nps.gov/rocr.

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